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TO: Bill Willis 529-7781 or -7981	FROM: Kaye Jacobs Legal Support Section	DATE 3-26-79	TIME 11:15 a.m.
SUBJECT Du Page County Forest Preserve/Industrial Waste Dump			
SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION <p>I returned Mr. Willis' message to call, which indicated that he had been referred to me by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Mr. Willis has apparently been following this problem for the last couple of years and has talked with Frank Chin and Mr. Rosenbaum of the Illinois Attorney General's Office regarding it. He claims that there is a private contractor, Edward Heil, who is in charge of E. & E. Hauling, Inc., and who has a contract to operate a landfill in the Du Page County Forest Preserve. Willis claims that he only has a permit to dump dry wastes, and it was supposed to go into clay cells; however, he had obtained a 3.5 million dollar contract with Metropolitan Sanitary District and had dumped approximately 50 million gallons of liquid and sludges over the past four years into the landfill. Willis indicated that it was simply a flat, pancake-like construction, and did not have the leachate collection system it was intended to from the beginning. He also claimed that the four monitoring wells installed by Heil pursuant to his permit showed leaching of mercury, lead, zinc, high amounts of cyanide, phenols and other heavy metals.</p> <p>Willis said that the Forest Preserve had sued to obtain an injunction to stop Heil from dumping liquid wastes, but had been unsuccessful. Apparently the landfill was originally intended to be covered over and would ultimately be used as a ski area. Willis said that the Gas Company was working on its lines in the vicinity recently, when two breaches from the landfill site broke open and poured out some of the liquid waste, containing high levels of cyanide. He also said that Heil had sued the Forest Preserve in a countersuit for their failure to allow him to bring in the MSD sludge.</p> <p>Mr. Willis indicated that Heil was very well connected politically, and had some connection with Waste Management, Inc., and the Browning Ferris landfills. Dick Ut of the Du Page County Forest Preserve, at 620-3835, has a great deal of information on this subject. Also, Chuck Johnson of the Preserve can also supply information on the situation.</p>			
CONCLUSIONS, ACTION TAKEN OR REQUIRED <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: small;">EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">309368</p> </div> <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p style="font-size: large; font-family: cursive;">Tom - Info. concerning the site is on its way to me - I will turn it over ASB it gets here. You <u>understand</u> we not worried when phone call came - K.</p> </div> </div>			
INFORMATION COPIES TO:			

I told Mr. Willis that I would bring the details to the attention of our Waste Management staff, and that we would try to get back to him within the next few days.

M. Kaye Jacobs
Enforcement Attorney

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